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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#3/Election

In re Application of: HAGEN, William A., et al.

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action dated on July 2, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 2, 2003.

REMARKS

Continued examination is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Provisional Election of Claims

Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse claims 1, 2-16, 25-28 and 30-33, drawn to Species 1 (figures 1-6) directed to a single-piece manifold having a check valve arrangement comprising first and second check valves, wherein said first and second check valves being slidable between a closed position and an open position. By this provisional election of claims under Species I, the Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional